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The opinion that a precise limit should not be put to the Pension List seems to be judicious, I shall avail my self of the hint. I own I suspect on the whole of the alteration of the Civil List there is still some secret that is not yet disclosed I hope this is a groundless idea but it constantly haunts me.

The letter to Dr. Franklin seems very proper and certainly there does not occur to me the smallest doubt of its being perfectly safe for Ed. Shelburne to send it without any alteration. I am glad Ed. Shelburne's zeal for my service has so far exceeded his natural aversion to being mixed in the transactions of Peace at the present hour to make him keep Mr. Oswald at Paris which cannot fail of being an useful check on that part of the Negotiation that is in other hands, would there be any impropriety in Ed. Shelburne having at least some general conversation with Mr. Grenville previous to his departure.

I am not dissatisfied of the attention in transmitting a copy of the Short notes taken at the Cabinet this day. I hope Ed. Shelburne will see Mr. Lasles & I should wish to have his report tomorrow of what has past between them; who cannot regularly come to court till Wednesday.

I have this instant heard that Mr. Talbot dyed at half hour past 12. I hope he will not lose any time in talking to Mr. Buckingham at the Staff in Marlborough or Mr. Lasles. Mr. Wyndham should attend on Wednesday.

[Faint, illegible handwritten text in cursive script, likely a historical document or letter.]